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**STATE OF PLAY ON REASONED OPINIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS UNDER PROTOCOL 2  
OF THE LISBON TREATY**

This note by the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments provides an update of submissions received by the European Parliament in the context of Protocol 2 during the period 4 February 2015 - 3 March 2015.

Protocol 2 of the Lisbon Treaty sets out a review mechanism involving national Parliaments regarding proposed legislation which does not fall under the exclusive competence of the European Union. Thus, national Parliaments/Chambers may review within eight weeks of transmission such proposed legislation and issue a "reasoned opinion" if they consider that a draft EU legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. Reasoned opinions are translated into all EU official languages (with the exception of Gaelic and Maltese). In the majority of cases, submissions from national Parliaments go beyond the issue of subsidiarity, discussing the substantive merits of proposals. These submissions are called "contributions". Contributions may be translated into one other language on special request by the Committee Chair or the Rapporteur<sup>1</sup>.

Pursuant to Rule 42(3) of the Rules of Procedure, all reasoned opinions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act and forwarded for information to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Contributions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act (Rule 142(4) of the Rules of Procedure).

The Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments advises the political bodies, Members and the secretariat of the EP in their institutional cooperation and legislative dialogue with the national Parliaments. Within this Directorate, the Legislative Dialogue Unit provides Members of the European Parliament, in particular Rapporteurs, with specific expertise on national Parliaments submissions throughout the legislative cycle.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Common approach for the treatment at Committee level of national Parliaments reasoned opinions and all other contributions of national Parliaments' adopted by the Conference of Committee Chairs on 14.12.2010.  
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## I. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS SUBJECT TO PROTOCOL 2 ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR DEBATE OF THE MARCH PLENARY PART-SESSION (9-12 MARCH 2015)<sup>2</sup>

<b>ECON Committee</b> (LAMASSOURE Alain)	Procedure: <b>2013/0214(COD)</b>	<b>COM(2013)462</b>	Deadline: <b>26 september2013</b>
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on European Long-term Investment Funds. <b>3 contributions:</b> Spanish <i>Cortes</i> , Portuguese Parliament and Italian Senate.			
<b>ECON Committee</b> (ZALBA BIDEGAIN Pablo)	Procedure: <b>2013/0265(COD)</b>	<b>COM(2013)550</b>	Deadline: <b>27 November 2013</b>
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on interchange fees for card-based payment transactions. <b>1 reasoned opinion:</b> French Senate <b>2 contributions:</b> Portuguese Parliament and Romanian Chamber of Deputies.			

## II. FACTS & FIGURES

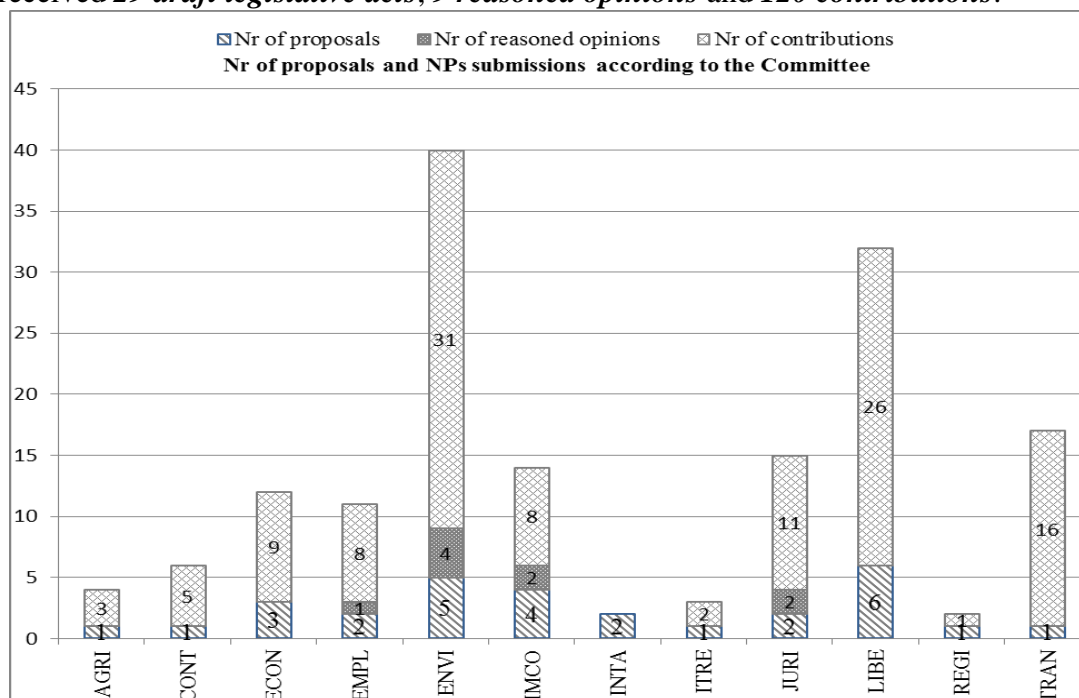
### A. Since the previous State of Play note (4 February 2015)

Since the previous update on the State of Play, the European Parliament has received:

- **5 draft legislative acts** in the context of Protocol 2;
- **7 contributions** by national Parliaments on different draft legislative acts.

### B. For the 8th legislative term (2014-2019)

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **29 draft legislative acts**, **9 reasoned opinions** and **120 contributions**.



<sup>2</sup> Information contained in this section is provisional and subject to change following decisions by the Conference of Presidents or the Plenary. Information is presented in alphabetical order on the basis of the acronym of the committees concerned. The number of reasoned opinions and contributions mentioned refers to the total number of these submissions received to-date.

**C. Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (1 December 2009)**

Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty a total of **498 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 492 of those draft legislative acts are Commission proposals, while the remaining 4 are Council initiatives. In response, the European Parliament has received a total of **1903 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **297 are reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1606 are contributions**.

